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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for gathering information for a network content directory on a packet switched network, the method comprising:
 1. determining a content directory that is related to a first web site, wherein:
 1. the content directory identifies a first plurality of content objects tagged in accordance with a predetermined set of content object classes,
 2. the content object classes identify a subject matter of the first plurality of content objects related to the first website, and
 3. the subject matter is a perceptive interpretation of a particular content object as it is experienced by a human;
 2. reporting the content directory to a second web site a first time, wherein the second web site identifies a second plurality of content objects organized in accordance with the predetermined set of content object classes to create a global content directory displayed with links to the first plurality of content objects and the second plurality of content objects, and wherein the second plurality of content objects includes the first plurality of content objects and a third plurality of content objects identified in directories associated with other web sites;
 3. detecting changes on the first web site;
 4. updating the content directory with the changes; and
 5. reporting the content directory to the second web site a second time.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Currently Amended) The method for gathering information for the network content directory on the packet switched network as recited in claim 1, further

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comprising categorizing the first plurality of content objects available from the first web site into the predetermined set of content object classes.

4. (Currently Amended) The method for gathering information for the network content directory on the packet switched network as recited in claim 1, wherein the content directory comprises a catalog of the content objects on the first web site selected for publication.

5. (Currently Amended) The method for gathering information for the network content directory on the packet switched network as recited in claim 1, wherein the content directory includes at least two of a file name, a path, a site name, a file creation date, and a file creation time.

6. (Currently Amended) The method for gathering information for the network content directory on the packet switched network as recited in claim 1, the method further comprising:

determining a second content directory that is related to a third web site; and
reporting the second content directory to the second web site.

7. (Currently Amended) The method for gathering information for the network content directory on the packet switched network as recited in claim 1, wherein the detecting changes comprises detecting at least one of erasure of files, replacement of files and addition of files.

8. (Currently Amended) A method for gathering information for a network content directory on a network, the method comprising:

determining a content directory that is related to a first web site, wherein the content directory identifies a first plurality of content objects tagged in accordance with a predetermined set of content object classes;

reporting the content directory to a second web site a first time, wherein the second web site identifies a second plurality of content objects organized in accordance with the

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predetermined set of content object classes to create a global content directory, and wherein the second plurality of content objects includes the first plurality of content objects and a third plurality of content objects identified in directories associated with other web sites;

setting a timer in response to the reporting the content directory, wherein the timer keeps a time value;

detecting the time value on the timer reaches a predetermined time value; and reporting the content directory to a second web site a second time based upon the detecting step.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) The method for gathering information for the network content directory on the network as recited in claim 8, further comprising categorizing the first plurality of content objects available from the first web site into the predetermined set of content object classes.

11. (Currently Amended) The method for gathering information for the directory on the network content network as recited in claim 8, wherein the content directory comprises a catalog of the content objects on the first web site selected for publication.

12. (Currently Amended) The method for gathering information for the network content directory on the network as recited in claim 8, wherein the content directory includes at least two of a file name, a path, a site name, a file creation date, and a file creation time.

13. (Currently Amended) The method for gathering information for the network content directory on the network as recited in claim 8, the method further comprising: determining a second content directory that is related to a third web site; and reporting the second content directory to the second web site.

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14. (Currently Amended) The method for gathering information for the network content directory on the network as recited in claim 8, wherein the detecting changes comprises detecting at least one of erasure of files, replacement of files and addition of files.

15. (Currently Amended) A method for gathering information for a network content directory on a packet switched network, the method comprising:

determining a content directory that is related to a first web site, wherein:

the content directory identifies a first plurality of content objects tagged in accordance with a predetermined set of content object classes,

the content object classes identify a subject matter of the first plurality of content objects related to the first website, and

the subject matter is a perceptive interpretation of a particular content object as it is experienced;

reporting the content directory to a second web site a first time, wherein the second web site identifies a second plurality of content objects organized in accordance with the predetermined set of content object classes to create a global content directory, and wherein the second plurality of content objects includes the first plurality of content objects and a third plurality of content objects identified in directories associated with other web sites;

setting a timer in response to the reporting the content directory, wherein the timer keeps a time value;

determining changes on the first web site;

updating the content directory with the changes;

detecting the time value on the timer reaches a predetermined time value; and

reporting the content directory to a second web site a second time in response to the detecting the time value.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) The method for gathering information for the network content directory on the packet switched network as recited in claim 15, further

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comprising categorizing the first plurality of content objects available from the first web site into the predetermined set of content object classes.

18. (Currently Amended) The method for gathering information for the network content directory on the packet switched network as recited in claim 15, wherein the content directory comprises a catalog of the content objects on the first web site selected for publication.

19. (Currently Amended) The method for gathering information for the network content directory on the packet switched network as recited in claim 15, wherein the content directory includes at least two of a file name, a path, a site name, and at least one of a file creation date[[],] and a file creation time.

20. (Currently Amended) The method for gathering information for the network content directory on the packet switched network as recited in claim 15, wherein the detecting changes comprises detecting at least one of erasure of files, replacement of files and addition of files.

21. (Currently Amended) The method for gathering information for the network content directory on the packet switched network as recited in claim 1, wherein the content directory includes a content identifier, a content location and metadata that describes the content directory.

22. (Currently Amended) The method for gathering information for the network content directory on the packet switched network as recited in claim 1, wherein the content directory is accessible by users from the global content directory.

23. (New) The method for gathering information for the network content directory on the packet switched network as recited in claim 1, wherein the first plurality of content objects include video files.

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24. (New) The method for gathering information for the network content directory on the packet switched network as recited in claim 1, wherein the first plurality of content objects include audio files.

25. (New) The method for gathering information for the network content directory on the packet switched network as recited in claim 1, wherein the subject matter is sports.

26. (New) The method for gathering information for the network content directory on the packet switched network as recited in claim 1, wherein the links allow downloading content objects referenced by the links.

27. (New) The method for gathering information for the network content directory on the packet switched network as recited in claim 1, wherein the links allow streaming content objects referenced by the links.

28. (New) The method for gathering information for the network content directory on the packet switched network as recited in claim 1, wherein the links include HTML encoded links.